



Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census.

From Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/hhm1.html>

Websites You May Want to Visit

Scholastic - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm>

InfoPlease

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/hhm1.html>

Thomson Gale - Free Resources

http://www.gale.com/free_resources/chh/

Books You May Want to Read (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Subject, choose Hispanic Americans, unclick Adult and then hit Search.)

Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story by Tomie dePaola

The author gives a new focus to this Cinderella story where a shawl brings Javier and Cenicienta together.

City of the Beasts La Ciudad de las Bestias by Isabel Allende

Alexander meets mystery and magic in the Amazonian rain forest.

El Cucuy!: A Bogeyman Cuento by Joe Hayes, illustrated by Honorio Robledo Cinco Puntos

The story of two sisters who are carried into the mountains by El Cucuy when they disobey their father.

Salsa Stories by Lulu Delacre

Inspired by charming childhood stories, memories and recipes of family and friends, Carmen Teresa turns her gift of a diary into a Latin American recipe book.

Just for Fun - Test your knowledge of Hispanic Heritage

http://www.gale.com/free_resources/chh/quiz/

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